WE NEVER LEARN

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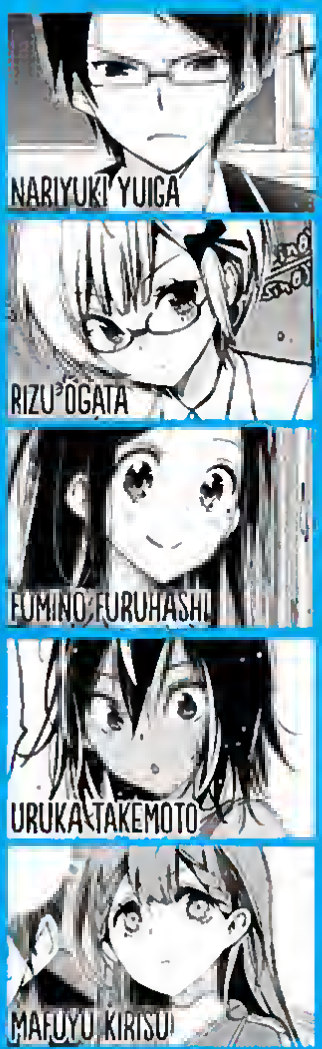
Nariyuki Yuiga is a self-professed super student. He's not naturally gifted in the sciences or arts like his classmates Rizu and Fumino, but he does have pluck and persistence! He's such a good student that he finally realizes his dream of obtaining a scholarship to college, which is a great relief since his family is dirt-poor! But there's a catch...

PREVIOUSLY IN *WE NEVER LEARN*:

Nariyuki desperately wants to obtain a college scholarship to improve the quality of his life, especially since his father has died and left the family destitute. And much to Nariyuki's joy and surprise, he finds out from the school principal that he has earned that scholarship, but under one condition...Nariyuki must tutor science whiz Rizu, literary genius Fumino and athlete extraordinaire Uruka to help them also get into college! Things have been going smoothly lately for everyone, as they're seeing improvements on their test scores, but not everyone's initially on board with Nariyuki as a tutor, especially Rizu and Fumino's last tutor, Kirisu Sensei! Slowly but surely, she's warming up to Nariyuki after he helps her clean her place and she helps him with his homework. However, a student and a teacher studying together outside of school grounds could be cause for some unsavory rumors...



Question 24: A Dauntless Genius Struggles Against Rumors of X
HUH?
YOU WENT TO KIRISU SENSEI'S HOUSE?
UH... YEAH.
IT JUST KINDA HAPPENED ...
FURU-HASHI! YOU'RE IN MY SPACE!
SO... I MEAN ...
IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT I WENT TO HER HOUSE.
IT TURNS OUT THAT SHE'S SUPER PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION. SHE'S REALLY A GOOD PERSON.
SO I THINK THAT IF YOU'D JUST TALK WITH HER...

WELL... I WAS AFRAID IT MIGHT BE INAPPRO-PRIATE...
IF THOSE TWO KNEW HE WAS AT A WOMAN'S HOUSE ALONE-EVEN IF SHE IS A TEACHER..
Ooo- my stomach!
SHK SHK
IT'S NOT OKAY, YUIGA!!
BUT SHE SAYS I'M TEN YEARS TOO YOUNG TO BE WORRIED ABOUT THAT, SO IT'S OKAY!
IT MATTERS THAT YOU WENT TO HER HOUSE!!
HUH?
RRMBB
OF COURSE IT MATTERS!
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING ?!

Hi!
SMOOSH
OH! HEYA, RIZURIN!

HERE... LET'S TALK A MINUTE!
HUH? WHAT'S UP?
?
WHAT'S WRONG, FURU-HASHI?
CHATTER
CHATTER
NO...
HAVE YOU SEEN FUMI-NOCCHI AND NARIYUKI?

YUIGA...
DON'T TELL ANYONE ...
TWEET TWEET TWEET
...WHAT YOU TOLD ME TODAY. GOT THAT?
WHUD
W-WHY?!
FLUSH
ESPECIALLY RICCHAN AND URUKA!!
... PRACTICE QUESTION ...
THAT'S YOUR FEMININE PSYCHOLOGY..
FLUSH
... NUMBER 3!!
...
AND DON'T FORGET, YOU PROMISED!
I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND, YUIGA!
YES, PROFESSOR!

3-A
SHEESH... THAT YUIGA!
HE'S TOTALLY UNAWARE OF ALL THE RUMORS HE'S CAUSED LATELY!
HE REALLY OUGHTA BE MORE CAREFUL!
FURU-HASHI!
Note
FURU-HASHI...
ARE YOU AND YUIGA FROM CLASS B... DATING?!

TEE HEE! DON'T BE SHY! YOU CAN TELL US!!
You too, Chono and Inomori!
W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KASHIMA?
'SLIGHTLY EDITED FLASHBACK
AND IN ICHINOSE ACADEMY'S MOST ROMANTIC SPOT...
...THE HOLY TREE IN THE BACK YARD!
Yes, Professor.
I want you all to myself!
WE SAW YOUR PASSIONATE EMBRACE EARLIER!
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LISTEN— I CAN EXPLAIN —
IF THIS GETS OUT, WE'RE IN HOT WATER!
...WHO NEEDS TO BE WAY MORE CAREFUL!!
That tree's a romantic spot?!
I'M THE ONE...

FOR REAL?! FURU-HASHI AND YUIGA?!
SO SHE'S THE ONE HE KISSED?
THIS ISN'T HAPPENING! HOW CAN SLEEPING BEAUTY'S PRINCE CHARMING...
...BE THAT DORKY NERD-FACE?!
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N-NO!!
CLATTER
YUIGA IS MY TUTOR!
THERE'S NOTHING MORE BETWEEN US!!
IT'S MY FAULT, FOR CREATING THIS MISUNDER-STANDING...
...BUT PLEASE DROP THIS. IT'S NOT FAIR TO YUIGA.
HEY, FURU-HASHI!

IT'S JUST YOU AND ME TODAY! (OGATA AND TAKEMOTO ARE BUSY SO...) LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF IT!
C'MON, LET'S GO!
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FWAH FWAH
ピロン!
ZING!
Make the most of it...
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GRIN
YOU IDIOT!!
?
TELL THEM THE TRUTH! THEN THEY'LL BELIEVE ME...
YES, YUIGA!
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RRMBB
YOU AND FURU-HASHI HAVE A SPECIAL CONNEC-TION, DON'T YOU?!
SO, TELL US...
HUH ?!
IT'S SO GREAT TO SEE YOU, YUIGA!
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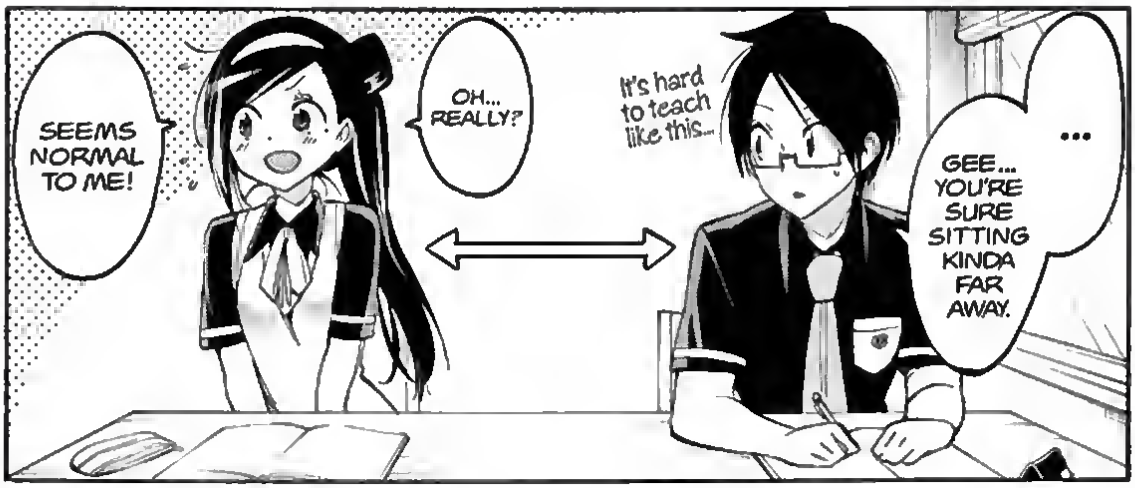
TITTER
TELL US THE TRUTH!
わら
TITTER

WELL ...
I GUESS IT IS SPECIAL ...
I'm her tutor. And she teaches me stuff too...
EEEK!♡
GAH! YOU IDIOT!!
C'MON, LET'S GO, FURUHASHI.
I DON'T WANT TO WASTE A SINGLE MINUTE.
HOIST
GASP!
AWWW!
LOOK HOW HE CARRIES HER BAG FOR HER!
THEY HAVE A SPECIAL THING, ALL RIGHT!
RRMBB
IT ISN'T TRUE!!
I SWEAR, THERE'S REALLY NOTHING BETWEEN US!
GRIN
W-WAIT! WAIT UP, YUIGA!
BEEP!
Let's go!
THEY MISUNDERSTOOD! THERE'S GONNA BE RUMORS!!

WHAT DO I DO?
...
3-A
LIBRARY
THIS IS BAD...
NOW THE WHOLE CLASS HAS THE WRONG IDEA..
UM-UM WORMP
IF THIS RUMOR SPREADS AND RICCHAN AND URUKA HEAR IT...


SEEMS NORMAL TO ME!
OH... REALLY?
It's hard to teach like this...
...
GEE... YOU'RE SURE SITTING KINDA FAR AWAY.

COULD YOU SCOOT OVER?
BUMP
EXCUSE ME.
Note

BOMP
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...OR IS THE LIBRARY EXTRA CROWDED TODAY?
GEE... IS IT JUST ME...
CHATTER
YEAH... YOU'RE RIGHT...
CHATTER

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ALL AGENTS AT THEIR POSTS!
DO YOU READ ME? OVER.
PSST
SHH

3-A
EVERY-THING'S A-OKAY! ♡
WE'RE THE 3-A COMMITTEE TO PROTECT SLEEPING BEAUTY...
...OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE THORN CLUB!
PRINCESS FUMINO FURUHASHI IS A CHERISHED TREASURE, A SOOTHING PRESENCE IN CLASS 3-A...
ANY POTENTIAL SUITOR MUST BE THOROUGHLY VETTED...
...TO ASSURE HE IS OF SUITABLE CALIBER! ♡
Wow, you're on fire!
WE CAN'T LET A SLIMEDOG LIKE HIM NEAR OUR ESTEEMED PRINCESS!
REMEM-BER THAT PLAYER, YAMAOKA?
KHEE? Eh...
BUT AREN'T WE TAKING THIS KINDA FAR?
YEAH, THAT'S ALL GOOD ...

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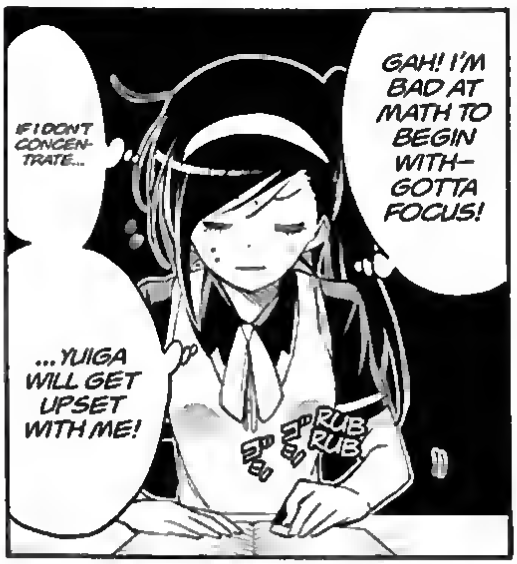

GAH! I'M BAD AT MATH TO BEGIN WITH— GOTTA FOCUS!
IF I DON'T CONCEN-TRATE...
...YUIGA WILL GET UPSET WITH ME!
RUB RUB

HEY, FURU-HASHI ...
YOU'RE MAKING LOTS OF MISTAKES IN YOUR BASIC ARITHMETIC.
SOL
HUH ?!
OH! SORRY!

DOESN'T KIRIZU SENSEI...
...WANT YOU TO GET US TO CHANGE OUR TARGET SCHOOLS?

BY THE WAY, YUIGA ...
HM?

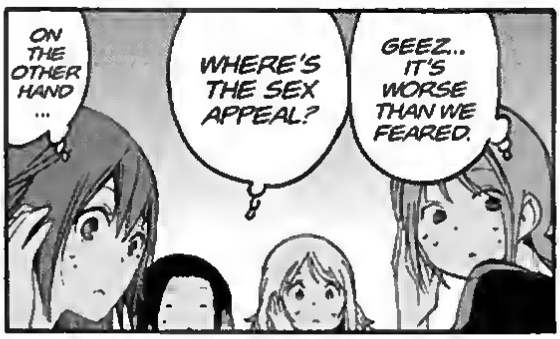
HM?
YEAH, SHE DID SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...
...YOUR ARITHMETIC IS WRONG HERE.

LISTEN...
TO GET GOOD SCORES IN MATH, ARITHMETIC IS REALLY IMPORTANT.
YOU SHOULD REVIEW IT UNTIL YOU CAN DO SIMPLE MATH IN YOUR HEAD.

IF YOU USE MOST OF YOUR MENTAL EFFORT DOING ARITHMETIC...
...YOU WON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO MORE COMPLEX OPERATIONS, RIGHT?

And also...

I'M SORRY!
I'LL BE CAREFUL NOT TO MESS UP AGAIN!
LET ME TRY AGAIN.


GEEZ... IT'S WORSE THAN WE FEARED.
WHERE'S THE SEX APPEAL?
ON THE OTHER HAND ...

WE SHOULD STUDY TOO.
YEAH...
I GUESS...
THE NEXT DAY..
チュン CHIRP チュン CHIRP
GEE, YOU SEEM TIRED, FURU-HASHI.
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I WOUND UP SO FOCUSED ON MATH YESTERDAY I FORGOT ABOUT IT...
BUT WHAT IF THE RUMORS KEEP SPREADING?
!
WELL, WELL!
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GOOD LUCK...
...WITH YOUR STUDIES!
YES, I UNDERSTAND.
BOW
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GOOD MORNING, FURUHASHI!
YIKES!! DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, KASHIMA! I JUST HAPPENED TO RUN INTO THIS GUY...
THE WHOLE THING IS A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING!
This guy?
TEE HEE!
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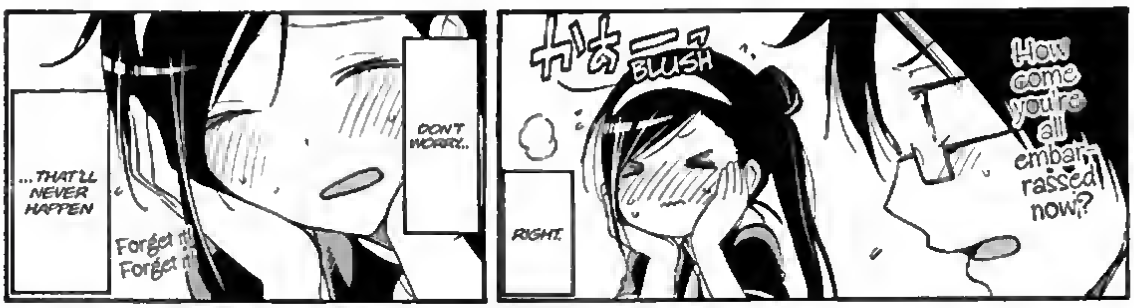
HUH?
PHEW! WHAT A RELIEF!
WHAT'S A RELIEF?
...
See you later!
That was easy!
WHAT?!
YOU UNDERSTAND?!
I'm envious!
...THAT TRANSCENDS A BOYFRIEND-GIRLFRIEND RELATIONSHIP.
...THAT THEY SHARE A DEEP TRUST...
IT'S VERY CLEAR..
WHAAAAT?!
THEY WERE SAYING THAT?!
GEEZ...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO THAT TO...I'M SO SORRY...
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.
I'M THE ONE WHO WAS CARELESS...

WELL...
...WE MIGHT AS WELL...
...ACTUALLY BECOME A COUPLE!
JUST KIDDING!
IT WAS A JOKE!!
HAD YOU GOING THERE...



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